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Poetry.

The Robin's Protest.

"As idle as the birds," you say We're busy all the livelong day; We can't get on without it. "It isn't much to build a nest?" Well, then, suppose you try it;

There'd not a bird come nigh it. You don't know where to find nice things, And fix the sticks and straws and strings

Each in its place precisely. You can't accomplish that small task With twenty times our labor; Then don't be hard-that's all I ask-

Upon your little neighbor While wife is sitting, through the day You'll hear my music ringing : She'd tire to death. I've heard her say, If 'twere not for my singing.

And when the little ones have come I help about the worming ;

Each day full fifty we bring home, And never mind their equirming

I fill one mouth, and then away As fast as I can skurry, With voices to my ear that say,

"Oh father, hurry, burry!" I must keep close behind them : It would be such a dreadful thing

There is the twilight concert too And that must be attended. And now, it must be clear to you

Our cares are never ended. For thus we work the livelong day-You can't pretend to doubt it-You see there is no other way ! And that is all about it.

Miscellany.

Little People of Eastern Story.

There is a singular fascination to

young people in those mythological s of Nature—the little men and women of Eastern story and modern allegory. The dwarfs of the "Arabian Nights," the pigmies who, in the old mythology, waged such sturdy warfare against their foes the cranes, and the ive and interesting diminutive community of Liliput, which Swift has made familiar to every household, are attrac-tive playthings of young and even of | The content of the older imaginations. And now comes the story that such a thing as a nation of dwarfs is not only not impossible, but has actually been discovered. While the redoubtable Schlieman has

MY FIRST LITERARY VEN-

could not write love-stories and hear them crying, and fighting, and falling jar full of sugar cakes, and made some molasses taffy, and drove a spike in the

was one of the ancinted !- one of the Did not Bury His Wife. stone about her, however much she few set apart!

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I don't like to be laughed at, and ye

I bought the beautiful pattern, and promised to pay for it as soon as I heard from "my publishers." I said this with a great deal of zest and satisfaction.

left—and how nice that would be. Not another woman in Lenox could do such things as that, they were all burdens to things as that, they were all burdens to their husbands. They leaned on them. It ha

writing my experience to you. It's all very well for people to talk about em-balming deceased corpses, but it's the Christian duty of those that have tried The dress was twenty dollars. I could it, and found what a plague they are to pay for that easily, and have money left—and how nice that would be. Not corpse. I've tried it, and there isn't

molasses taffy, and drove a spike in the joists overhead and put up a swing on it, and did everything I could one day that I might commence my literary career on the following morning. I likewise sent to a neighbor's to borrow her little poor house girl to tend the children and be company for them.

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Of What are we Made?

family of four to provide for. I could churn and sell the butter for a good price, and I could raise chickens and sell eggs; and the product of the garden was no small item, but I didn't like a weakness for lustrous slavish toil, I didn't want a freckled face and sunburnt hands and a stort waist.

It was easy work to write stories, surely; anybody could do that; love stories were always read with a relish, and, judging from the abundance of them, they were marketable enough.

I consulted no one. I wanted to surprise my husband some day; I wanted he should find himself famous as the husband of the distinguished Mrs.——, the new start hat had arisen in the literary horizon.

My obilibe. might look like it.

I calculate, what with the cost of em-"From dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." Our bodies are composed of many materials. It has been said that all the metals—iron, gold, silver, etc., may be found in the blood; that lime, chalk, clay, etc., also metalliferous bases, may be found in our liferous bases, may be found in our bones; and that each individual man is an epitome of the universe. In him existing. Man is at once a plant, an browned, says a correspondent "Country Gentleman," always ficial teeth, artificial complexions, arti-ficial calves, bustles and breastworks!

corked up tight after it is browned. It should never be left exposed to the air in this condition, as it will lose its strength, and absorb odors that come in contact with it, Hence the grocery

Youths' Column.

THE MISERIES OF BOYHOOD, -Does the boy hope, some cold winter morning, to economize time by a hasty toilet, and turn himself over for a wee omize time by a hasty persuasiveness. "Get right up. Your father says he wants you to have all the

ring. Man is at once a plant, an and a spirit. If he lives to his constitution, he comes into animal, a man and a spirit. If he lives true to his constitution, he comes into close relations with nature and with God. In our artificial civilization many live months, if not years, without setting foot on the ground! They live in dwellings warmed by artificial heat; lighted by artificial light. They breathe impure air; eat artificial food, cooked in the most artificial manner. In fact, you times without number not to put in the most artificial manner. In fact, you times without number not to put when we consider the great mass of the 'best society," there is but little about which is not artificial. They have artion your skates in the house? By next to keep her skates in good condition?
Why, she appeals to the head of the household, "Pa, can't Johnnie sore a hole in this strap for me?" "John, fix They are powdered, perfumed, crimped, cramped and squeezed into such unnatural shapes that they may not be classified by the naturalist. They are nondescripts.

Now what is wanted for the healthful perpetuation of the race, and for the marbles, asked if he can't keep quiet an minute, and advised to take a book and enjoyment of life, is that we should live in harmony with the laws of our being.

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"Throwing mud" may miss the ob ect, but always defiles the thre Never desert a friend. You may ome day get your deserts for so d You will not anger a man so much by

Varieties.

showing that you hate him as by pressing a centempt of him. The wife of a New York clergyman eceives all the marriage fees paid her The manufacture of wrapping paper from rice straw is now

carried on at a new factory in Savannal

Swiss Silk is reported to be super-ceding that manufactured by France and England as the best marketable quality. Two blast furnaces recently put into operation in California, will, it is said

supply the entire Pacific coast demander pig iron. Commanding officers of British naval essels are no longer permitted to perform the marriage

The following question is respectfully addressed to the clergy: "Whether a person who sits in the gallery of the

church is responsible for the body? It is pronounced an ominous sign

tray an abnormal interest in the causes of lock-jaw.